

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

April 28, 2010

In attendance at the April 28, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were Bill Allen, John Ellard, Rich Penney, Bob MacDonald, Joe Gambon, Rachel Gear, Dolores Baronas, Caryn Stevens and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Ian Curran and Julie Shaffer.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard.

A motion was made by Rich Penney and seconded by Joe Gambon to accept the minutes from the April 22, 2010 meeting. A unanimous vote was taken.

John Ellard read a letter from the Police Union opposing Article 13.

Under New Business:

Allan Chiocca requested that \$10,000 to \$12,000 be added to the Board of Selectmen's Budget to fix a broken toilet in the handicap bathroom and also various heaters throughout the building are broken. Also the IT committee needs a room that is properly climate controlled. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 to add a room in the town hall by moving walls and existing rooms.

An error was discovered with the Water and Sewer Departments not contributing to the retirement budget for the past 5 years. The result of this error will add an additional \$215,000 to the general fund allowing for additional funding to budgets as needed.

YY: Information Technology Budget: A motion was made for the IT budget to be \$108,570.00 by Joe Gambon, seconded by Rich. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob MacDonald). Money from Raise and Appropriate.

Article 8 was discussed regarding the VoTech replacement of roof and windows. There were 3 representatives from South Shore VoTech present. The Capital Planning Committee did not show to our meeting to add this their 5 year plan. Rockland makes up 26% of the students that are enrolled at VoTech. They are looking for a ten years bond. A motion was made by Rich to approve, seconded by Rachel. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

D: Accountant budget: A motion was made for the accountant's budget to be \$141,704 with \$30875 coming out of this budget and going to the IT Committee's Budget. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Rachel. A unanimous vote was taken.

E: Assessor: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Bill for the Assessor's budgeting being \$131,728 from raise and appropriate. A unanimous vote was taken. It was mentioned that the budgets listed in the warrant had a line item for longevity but it was noted to be in the incorrect column. The Finance Committee will present at town meeting an updated and corrected version of the budgets negating the one in the town warrant.

F: Treasurer: A motion was made by Rachel to approve this budget of \$199,870 from raise and appropriate, seconded by Joe. 7 voted in favor, one opposed, (Bob).

G: Town Collector: A motion was made for this budget to be \$115,921 from raise and appropriate by Rich, seconded by Bill. A unanimous vote was taken.

I: Town Clerk: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Bill to increase this budget to \$132,155 to accommodate for step raises with 4500 coming from Dog Receipts. A unanimous vote was taken.

Q: Police Department: A motion was made for their budget to be \$3,055,178 by Rich, seconded by Rachel out of Raise and Appropriate. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

S: Building Department: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rich for this budget to have an increase of \$1000.00 for a total of \$98248.00, an increase in seminars from Raise and Appropriate. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

X: Emergency Management: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Joe for a total of \$16,700 from Raise and Appropriate. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Rich).

Y: Tree Department: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Bill for a total of \$68,279 from Raise and Appropriate. 7 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

Z: Waste Collection: A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Bill for their budget to be \$1,075,064.98 from Raise and Appropriate, \$22,021.83 out of revolving for a total of \$1,097,086.81. 7 voted in favor, Bob abstained.

AA: Sewer: A motion was made by Joe, seconded by bill for \$2,139,177 from sewer receipts. An increase as they are now back paying into retirement.

BB: Board of Health: A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Rachael for \$103281.01 from Raise and Appropriate, \$10675.67 to come from their revolving account for a total of \$113956.68. Joe, Rachel, Dolores and Paula voted in favor, Rich and Bill voted against. Bob abstained.

CC: Visiting Nurse: A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Dolores for their total to be \$8446 from Raise and Appropriate. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob)

EE: Highway: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Joe for a total budget of \$550154.00. A unanimous vote was taken.

FF: Snow and Ice: Bob made a motion, seconded by Bill for a total of \$150,000. A unanimous vote was taken.

II: School Department: Rachel made a motion, seconded by Rich for a total budget of \$18,983,086. A unanimous vote was taken.

JJ: Regional Schools: A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Rachel for a total budget of \$1,644,964.00. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

KK: Library: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Bill for a total of \$356,700. A unanimous

vote was taken.

LL: Misc and Unclassified: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Bill for a total of \$33,500. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

MM: Council on Aging: A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Joe for a total of \$47,734. A unanimous vote was taken.

NN: Youth Commission: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Bob for \$41,000 from Raise and Appropriate. A unanimous vote was taken.

OO: Park: A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Joe for a total of \$178,513. A unanimous vote was taken.

QQ: Retirement: A motion was made by Rachel, seconded by Bill for a total of \$1,995,684 from Raise and Appropriate, with \$200,000 coming from Water and \$15,000 coming from Sewer. A unanimous vote was taken.

RR: Health Insurance: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Bob for \$5,725,538.00 from Raise and Appropriate. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Paula).

SS: FICA Expense: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Bill for a total of \$280,680. A unanimous vote was taken.

TT: Liability: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Bob for \$560,000 from Raise and Appropriate. A unanimous vote was taken.

UU: Water Department: A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Joe for a total of \$2,841,909.61 from water receipts. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

VV: Interest and Mat Debt: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rachel for \$384,250, an increase due to the school project. A unanimous vote was taken.

XX: Energy Committee: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rich for a total of \$1500.00 from Raise and Appropriate. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob).

B: Board of Selectmen: A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rachel for \$173,907. 6 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob). It was decided not to add \$10,000 for maintenance to this budget as it is a bottom line budget and could be used for various other reasons besides maintenance. Maintenance to the town hall should be put in the town hall budget but this budget was already voted on.

C: Finance Committee: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Rich to raise this budget to \$51,000. \$50,000 for the reserve fund and \$1,000 for the Secretary's Salary. 6 voted in favor, one abstained (Paula).

OTHER BUSINESS: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Joe to pay the secretary her yearly salary of \$1000.00. 5 voted in favor, one opposed (Bob) and one abstained (Paula).

Our next meeting is Monday, May 3, 2010 at 6:00 in the High School Cafeteria before Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a motion from Bill, seconded by Joe. A unanimous vote was taken at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson
Secretary
Rockland Finance Committee